

First News

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The Holy Trinity

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Though the word "trinity" is not found in the scriptures, 2 Corinthians includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ, and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

Known to be hospitalized is Janice Burck at FHN Memorial Hospital.

Del Thoman would like to thank the Prayer Shawl Group for the lovely warm prayer shawl he received. He appreciates their kindness and thoughtfulness.

Organist Aaron David Miller will be in concert on Sunday, June 1, 3:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 225 South Third Street, in Rockford.

Care Givers give emotional support when a member is in need. If you know of anyone who could benefit from a Care Giver's visit, contact Kryz Brose (815-233-4410).

From the Volunteer Coordinator - An unusual amount of common sense is sometimes called wisdom.

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### YOU'RE INVITED

You're invited to a special opportunity to share Jesus with children! Please consider helping with VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL this summer - June 16-20 at Oakdale from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We are still looking for help with crafts, recreation, snacks, group leaders, and transportation. Please contact Chris Parkinson (815-233-9222) or Dawn Zeigler (815-233-3517) for more information or to say, "Yes!"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is for all children completing the 3 year old Sunday school class through those completing sixth grade confirmation. Registration forms should be returned to Sunday School teachers by this Sunday, May 18.

### VBS STAFF

There will be a Vacation Bible School staff meeting at Grace Episcopal Church on Thursday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m.

### THANK YOU!

This Sunday, May 18, is the last day for this year's Sunday school classes. A huge THANK YOU to the Sunday school staff

for their enthusiasm and faithful gift of time to our children this year!! You have made a difference!

### PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The prayer shawl group will meet this Saturday, May 17, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All knitters, crocheters, and those wishing to learn how, are welcome to join us.

### PROJECT WORKDAY

Project Workday will meet on Thursday, May 22, in the Martin Luther Room from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Come down for part or all of the day. Sewing skills are not required to participate. We are collecting supplies for layette kits for Lutheran World Relief - especially needed are infant undershirts, sleepers, receiving blankets, and cloth diapers. Items may be left in the WELCA box located by the mailboxes near the Jackson Street entrance.

### DID YOU KNOW?

We all have a cause we care about - whether it's finding a cure for cancer, saving the environment, finding homes for abandoned pets or so many other worthwhile endeavors. But what we don't all have is the time or money to support these efforts as much as we'd like. So, what if we

could raise money for our favorite charities and schools by doing something we do every day — searching the Internet?

That's the question Ken Ramberg (the former founder of JOBTRAK, now a division of Monster.com) and JJ Ramberg (an MSNBC anchor and the former Director of Marketing at Cooking.com) asked themselves a few years ago. After realizing what a fraction of the \$8 billion generated annually by search engine advertisers could do if it were directed towards organizations trying to make the world a better place, they launched GoodSearch in 2005.

GoodSearch is a search engine which donates 50-percent of its revenue to the charities and schools designated by its users. It's a simple and compelling concept. You use GoodSearch exactly as you would any other search engine. Because it's powered by Yahoo!, you get proven search results. The money GoodSearch donates to your cause comes from its advertisers — the users and the organizations do not spend a dime!

In 2007, GoodSearch was expanded to include GoodShop, an online shopping mall of world-class merchants dedicated to helping fund worthy causes across the country. Each purchase made via the GoodShop mall results in a donation to the user's designated charity or school - averaging approximately 3% of the sale, but going up to 20% or even more.

Lutheran Disaster Relief is one of the agencies supported by Goodsearch. You can help to support Lutheran Disaster Relief by making Goodsearch your homepage for internet browsing, and by entering "LDR" in the space on that page entitled, "Who do

you Goodsearch for?"

Spread the word! Encourage all your contacts to support charitable organizations through the use of Goodsearch!

#### NORTHWEST CONFERENCE RETREAT

The Northwest Conference Women of the ELCA are sponsoring a one-day retreat on Thursday, June 19, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Milledgeville from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Come hear from Dr. Jean Young about her "Mission Work in Ghana, West Africa" when she serves with her husband as a missionary. Cost is \$12.00 and reservation forms are available on the WELCA bulletin board. Contact Jan Butterfield or Ruth Wardlow if you would like to car pool.

#### UNCLAIMED DISHES

Did you donate some food for a funeral or other church event and forget to take home your dish? There are several serving bowls and pans located on the counter next to the refrigerator - please take a look to see if they belong to you. After May 31, any items still remaining will be donated to FACC.

#### CAMPERS

The deadline for turning in your Campership applications is Sunday, May 25! Please leave your completed forms in the red folder in Peg's office.

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**THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

**MAY 18**

**THE HOLY TRINITY**

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes  
6:30 p.m. Youth Group  
Monday 4:30 p.m. Neighborhood Youth Ministry  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts  
Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Mary Circle  
1:00 p.m. Rebecca Circle  
7:00 p.m. Rachel Circle  
Wednesday 4:00 p.m. Girl Scouts  
6:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee  
7:00 p.m. Youth Committee  
Thursday 10:00 a.m. Workday  
1:00 p.m. NW Conference Pastor's Text Study  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir - End of year gathering  
Friday 5:00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Potluck at Brandt's  
Saturday 6:30 a.m. MBA at the Big Apple  
2:30 p.m. Wedding  
5:00 p.m. Worship Service

**THE PARISH RECORD**

May 10/11 Saturday 5:00-14 Sunday 8:15-133 10:45-117 Total-264 Sunday School-44 Offerings \$4,267.15